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SYSTEMS AND METHODS THEREFOR  
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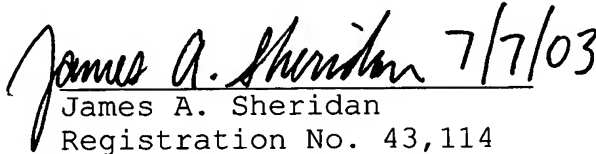
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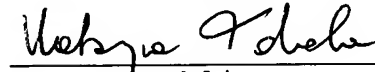
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I, James A. Sheridan, being duly registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and being duly sworn, depose and state that: I am attorney of record in the above-identified prior application Serial No. 10/167,378, filed 6/11/2002, and that the enclosed application is a true copy of the above-identified prior application Serial No. 09/281,406 as filed, and that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior patent application Serial No. 09/281,406 introduced new matter therein.

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